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TAGS : BEXP, BTRA, SY, KU, MU
SUBJECT : TRAVEL OF FRANK LENNON

REF : DAMASCUS 3648 AND RELATED

1. FRANK LENNON CURRENTLY SPENDING ONE WORKING DAY IN BAHRAIN
MAKING ATTEMPT PERSONALLY INVITE GOB MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES
AND DEVELOPMENT SHIRAWI AS LUNCHEON SPEAKER AT AUGUST CONFE-
RENCE. TOTAL OF 52 BAHRAINIS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE
CONFERENCE AND TWO OTHER GOB OFFICIALS-ASST UNDERSECRETARY
FOR OIL AND INDUSTRY AND ASST UNDERSECRETARY FOR
POWER HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK. LIST OF INVITEES
BASED ON SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY VISIT
IS GOOD ONE, BUT LENNON DOES NOT YET KNOW WHO WILL
ATTEND. MOST PROMINENT PROBABLE ATTENDEE THUS FAR
IS ACTIVE LAWYER (AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER OF
JORDAN) HAIM ZU'BI. WE INFORMED LENNON WE THOUGHT
ATTENDANCE BY SHIRAWI AND OTHER PROMINENT OFFICIALS
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WOULD HINGE ON SAUDI AND KUWAITI RESPONSES TO
CONFERENCE GENERALLY.

2. FOR DAMASCUS: LENNON ETA DAMASCUS JUNE 17 ON
KU 551 FROM KUWAIT. HE HAS HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT
MERIDIEN. LENNON WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE
EMBOFFS AND INFORM THEM OF STATUS OF INVITATIONS TO

SYRIAN OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN. HE APOLOGIZES FOR FACT THAT HIS MAY 15 LETTER TO MOST REGIONAL COMMERCIAL OFFICERS DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE REACHED DAMASCUS (WE HADN'T RECEIVED IT EITHER). IN DAMASCUS, LENNON'S VISIT IS BEING FACILITATED BY ABDULHAMID MALAKANI, HEAD OF THE CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES OF SYRIA. LENNON WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY IMADI.

3. FOR KUWAIT: LENNON ASKS THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO ATCHESON: LENNON WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF ATCHESON WERE TO ARRANGE SMALL DRINKS PARTY FOR APPROPRIATE TARGET AUDIENCE AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO PAY FOR SAME (THIS AS SUGGESTED BY ATCHESON EARLIER). PARTY COULD BE EITHER 15 OR 16 EVENING.

4. FOR MUSCAT: LENNON STATES THAT HIS VISIT TO OMAN HAS BEEN COORDINATED THROUGH THE OMANI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR THERE HAS INFORMED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC DEPT., IN MUSCAT OF LENNON'S VISIT.
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